

## NOT ONE WORD FROM HUBBY

Husband Would Not Have Had a Chance Had Wife Appeared on Scene of Poker Game.

The conversation in the lobby of a Washington hotel turned to the subject of poker, says the Philadelphia Telegraph, when Representative Richard W. Austin of Tennessee, said he was reminded of a little incident along that line.

One night a friend called to see Jim Smith and found him playing poker with a bunch of bachelor friends. Bottles and things shone conspicuously, and cigar stumps and ashes littered the parlor floor. Obviously Mrs. Smith was summing by the sea.

"Gee whiz, old man!" exclaimed the friend, slapping the scenery. "What would you say were your wife to drop in here at this moment?"

"I wouldn't say anything," was the calm rejoinder of Smith, as he handed the cigar box to the newcomer.

"What's that?" was the incredulous rejoinder of the other. "You wouldn't say anything?"

"No," answered Smith, "I am rather inclined to believe that all the talking would be done by Mrs. Smith."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

## Support for Limbs.

Tests of a new limb support which have been made in a hospital in this country have proved so satisfactory that a Red Cross unit will take one of the devices to France, together with specifications for making others if desired. As described in the Popular Mechanics Magazine, it consists of a hammocklike sling suspended from a steel arm that can be attached either to a bed or a wheel chair. Its special feature is the freedom of movement that it affords the patient. By means of a rope and pulleys the sling can be raised or lowered, while the supporting arm permits it to swing from side to side.

## Mail by Airplane.

The use of the airplane for mail purposes is rapidly gaining in favor. A company has been formed with capital subscribed to institute an aerial mail service between Sweden and England. Another company is already operating between Turin and Rome, in Italy, and any letter between these points stamped with a special delivery stamp goes by airplane. In this country the national advisory commission for aeronautics recently approached the post office department with a project for instituting an aerial mail service between Washington and Norfolk.

## Will Wear Off.

A woman visiting in a neighboring town concluded to buy a pair of shoes before returning home. Accordingly she called at a shoe store. After trying on a pair of shoes she said to the clerk: "I do not like those shoes, the soles are too thick." "Well, madam," replied the obliging clerk, "is that your only objection?" "Certainly," was the rejoinder. "Then madam you need not hesitate about taking the shoes; I assure you the objection will gradually wear off."

## FLASHLIGHTS

Of course it is patriotic to be economical, but it is also patriotic to pay all the bills incurred by past extravagances. The man who makes the most of his opportunities usually has the most opportunities to make the most of. The battle will be half over when each one of us makes winning-the-war a personal matter. Both creeds and deeds should be made lovable.

## Great Munitions Plants.

In his book, "Obstacles of Peace," S. S. McClure has this to say of the manufacture of munitions in England: "In a journey of three hours in England I saw six different factories of great extent in course of erection in the vicinity of towns and villages where there were no other factories. One of the establishments I visited employed 10,000 people. Seven thousand of these were women. There is one government munitions works, where they deal with explosives, that is twenty miles in length and averages four miles in width. Contracts for munitions are being made by the government that will require five years to fulfill. England is devoted to one single object—that is, waging this war."

## Keeping Pans Bright.

Before putting a bright pan on the fire rub it over with a little dripping. When washing up use soapy water and when dry rub with a soft duster. By this method your pans will keep bright for weeks.

## FLASHLIGHTS

A married man may not know much about a furnace, but he does know that it is something that requires his immediate attention the moment he has comfortably settled himself to read a book.

It's a poor sort of patriotism that needs a casualty list to stir it up.

The husband who is temporarily in his wife's bad graces wonders how polygamy ever got started.

We'd rather spoil a child than treat him the way some people do.

## "STIRRED UP THE ANIMALS"

Kokomo Youngster, Monkey and Auto Horn Raise Bedlam in a Petoskey (Mich.) Park.

Haynes Starbuck, five-year-old son of A. E. Starbuck, of Kokomo, literally "stirred up the animals" in the city park at Petoskey, Mich., recently, relates the Indianapolis News. The senior Starbuck is a member of America's hay-fever brigade, and spends the "season" at Harbor Springs with his family.

On one of their drives the Starbuck family and their guests visited the Petoskey park, which has a small zoo. While the party was strolling about in the park a young monkey leaped into Mr. Starbuck's car and began throwing rugs and cushions to the ground. Haynes Starbuck came back to the car and found Mr. Monkey sitting on the hood, examining the radiator cap.

The lad climbed into the driver's seat and pressed the button of the electric horn. The monkey cleared 20 feet through the air, landing in a tree. But soon it came back and once more mounted the hood, this time trying to unscrew the radiator cap.

The Starbuck boy let loose a series of blasts on the horn, and this time the monkey did a Wilbur Wright to the head of an elderly woman at the side of the driveway. The woman shrieked, the monkey chattered, the horn cut loose again, and then two eagles awoke in their cage and turned loose freedom's call. All the other birds began screaming, the ducks in a pond near by set up an ear-splitting clatter, while the coyotes yapped loudly. Then, high above all the racket, rose a series of blood-curdling wails and howls from two big wolves.

Mr. Starbuck gathered his party and left, but it was more than an hour before the usual peaceful calm of the park was resumed.

## Old Caverns Destroyed.

The destructive effects of the bombardment by French heavy guns of the ancient and extensive rock caverns in which the German forces on the Aisne have found shelter since 1915, are described in a dispatch from the front. In one case the ground was so upheaved that no sign of the cavern remained. In another the entrance and exit completely disappeared under the bombardment so that efforts of French troops to reach 300 imprisoned Germans were unavailing.

## New Coffee Crop.

The financiers and officials of Brazil are considering the possibility that 6,000,000 bags of the new crop of coffee may have to be held, and are devising proper means to handle the situation, so that prices may not fall to a ruinously low point. It seems to have been determined that the surplus should be handled through a system of government warehouses, which would so control the entire crop that large quantities would not be dumped on the market at any one time.

## Utilizing Closet Space.

A long towel rack screwed to the underside of the clothes closet shelf makes a very convenient thing on which to hang clothes which have been placed on hangers. This keeps them away from the calcimine on the wall and keeps them always straight in shape without crowding. This method gives greater space to a closet.

## Lime for the Sink.

When the sink gets discolored, and there is an unpleasant odor, if a scouring powder won't do the business, sprinkle at night with chloride of lime and allow the lime to remain on till morning. After it has been rinsed off not only will you find the sink clean and white, but you will see what a good disinfectant it is.

## Old Brussels Carpet.

If your brussels is badly worn, turn the smooth side, put it on your kitchen floor and paint it any desired shade; let dry thoroughly and varnish. Will look as well as linoleum and last several years.

## FRENCH ARE GOOD TEACHERS

Only Fault, Says Infantry Officer, Is That "They Don't Give Us Credit for Knowing Anything at All."

One of our officers, a captain, spoke in complimentary terms of the French assistance, writes Ring W. Lardner in Collier's Weekly.

"They've been more than diligent with us," said he. "They've never shown impatience when we failed to grab their point, but have gone over it and over it till we've learned it to suit them. The difference in languages makes it hard sometimes to get what they're after, but they eventually manage to make themselves understood."

"The only fault I have to find with them," he confided, "is that they don't give us credit for knowing anything at all. They tell us this thing's a rifle, and the thing on the end of it is a bayonet, and so forth. And one of them showed me a barbed wire entanglement one day, and told me what it was for. I'd always been under the mistaken impression that it was used for bedclothes."

## A NATURAL RESULT



Uncle Jack—What happened when the army fell into ambush?  
Little Ethel—Why, they were all scratched up.

## Farmers Using Motortrucks.

One of the encouraging features of the automobile business this year has been the increasing tendency of the farmers to purchase motortrucks and tractors. The president of a motortruck company, who recently made an investigation of farm conditions, notes an exchange, reports that many farmers have been forced to enter the ranks of motortruck owners, due to the fact that so many of their helpers have been drafted for the war. Means to offset this loss of help were necessary to maintain farm production, and many farmers who had looked upon the motortruck as impossible are now giving it serious attention. Prosperity has come to the farmers, and they have now no thought of anything but a continuance of their present prosperous condition. Being sure of big returns for their crops, they are naturally in a position to purchase trucks.

## New Auto Life Saver.

A New Jersey inventor has patented a device which makes it impossible for an automobile to run over anyone. He equips the forepart of his car with a pair of folding, padded arms. When the moving car touches a person in its way the arms fly out and gently seize the imperiled pedestrian. The inventor claims to have picked up people with his car moving at considerable speed, without ruffling even their dignity. None the less, it would seem to provide rather a shock for the unsuspecting foot passenger to be seized from behind by a pair of padded arms and rapidly borne away.

## Test War Materials.

At the federal bureau of standards, in Washington, most of the important tests on war materials are made. The bureau has completed a testing chamber for airplane engines wherein can be duplicated the conditions met with in service. The chamber is airtight, and by exhausting a part of the air the pressure is brought down to correspond to that met with at high altitudes. By means of fans all sorts of air currents can be brought to bear on the propeller being tested. A refrigerating system allows the temperature to be varied at will. Heavy glass windows permit observations.

## Thousand Island Dressing.

Three tablespoonfuls chili sauce, three tablespoonfuls mayonnaise, three hard-boiled eggs (grated), one green pepper and a little chopped pimento. Mix well and add whipped cream. The cream may be omitted, but it is better with it.

## Saving Shrapnel Cases.

A grinder that reclaims shrapnel has been adopted by munition manufacturers for the purpose of removing imperfections from the inside of the steel cases.

## MEDICAL MEN IN THE ARMY

Estimated That the Government Will Require Services of Two Out of Every Nine Physicians.

When Uncle Sam sends his fighting forces to the front he will require the services of 24,000 officers and 120,000 enlisted men for the army medical and sanitary corps. It has been estimated says Popular Science Monthly, that the army will need two out of every nine physicians in the country.

The average number of physicians receiving orders has been about two hundred a day. As fast as accommodations are ready these medical officers are sent to training camps. They go ahead of the troops in order that sanitary preparations may be made for the men.

The medical training camps at Fort Riley, Fort Benjamin Harrison and Fort Oglethorpe take care of 1,000 student officers and 1,800 enlisted men. Besides these each camp has four ambulance companies, four field hospitals and one evacuation company. That colored troops may have their own medical officers there is a training camp for colored medical and sanitary detachments.

## SURE



"Now you must treat George nice when he calls."  
"It ain't up to me to treat him. It's his place to treat me."

## Critic's Blunder.

Ian Hay, the famous author of "The First Hundred Thousand," tells an amusing story against himself. It seems that after his great war-book had brought him popularity his publisher revived some of his earlier stories and published them. They were well received, although the author regarded them rather as amateur efforts. But a critic in New York waxed enthusiastic over them and congratulated him on his improvement as a writer since the production of his popular book.

## Spinach Sauce for Baked Fish.

Two tablespoonfuls of butter, two tablespoonfuls of flour, one-half cupful spinach puree, pepper, salt, one cupful milk, one tablespoonful lemon juice. Place the butter and flour together in a double boiler and blend thoroughly together; then gradually stir in the milk. When smooth and thick stir in the spinach puree (boiled spinach passed through a sieve), and the lemon juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Parsley sauce is made by adding crushed parsley instead of the spinach.

## Tempting Dessert.

Did you know that one delicious way of cooking rice for dessert is to use fruit juice to cook it in, such as you have left over from a can of fruit or stewed fruit, instead of water? Rice cooked in raspberry juice or sirup left from canned or stewed raspberries is delicious and attractive, as it takes up the color as well as the flavor. Served with cream, it makes a dainty dessert. Cook it in the proportions of one tablespoonful of raw rice to one-third or slightly more of a cupful of the juice.

## A Child's Wisdom.

A boy was asked which was the greater evil, hurting another's feelings or his finger.  
"The feelings," he said.  
"Right, my dear child," said the gratified listener. "But why is it worse to hurt the feelings?"  
"Because you can't tie a rag around them," answered the child.

## Drink Through Tube.

A Rhode Island inventor's drinking device consists of a cup to be placed under a faucet and a telescoping tube through which the contents can be drawn into the mouth.

## Clean Coral Beads.

Dissolve a teaspoonful of borax in a pint of warm water, dip the coral in the water and when clean pass through tepid water; dry by rolling in a soft towel.

## POPULAR SCIENCE

Forty-five per cent of the women who live at home are supported by their relatives.

The last half-yearly report of the Glasgow (Scotland) council shows a very marked decrease in pauperism.

A Japanese is the inventor of a street sprinkler that distributes water so as to form advertisements on smooth pavements.

A process has been patented by a Welsh inventor for removing solder, tin and chemicals from scrap and galvanized metals and utilizing the base metals.

## PRESIDENT NO CIRCUS SIGHT

Youngster Demanded to See the Elephants and Enthusiasm Over Chief Executive Did Not Affect Him.

A proud father, who until recently lived in Washington, one night not long ago took his son, age five, to the circus, in the capital city. For some reason the performance was late in starting and the youngster began to grow fidgety and impatient. He had been told to keep his eyes on the door from the performers' tent, whence the "grand opening procession" was to come.

Presently, when his interest and impatience had reached the point of effervescence, the curtains parted, revealing a limousine, out of which stepped President Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and others of their party.

The band struck up. "Hail to the Chief," and the great crowd stood up, almost as one man, and gave a cheer and Chautauqua salute for the chief executive. The father arose with the rest, holding his young son high on his shoulder, and said:

"Look, Teddy, there's the president!"  
But Teddy refused to enthuse. He had seen the president many times before. A look of disappointment displaced one of animation and expectancy. He glanced indifferently toward the distinguished party crossing the sawdust ring, and then said, with a note of childish disgust:  
"Dad, where's the elephant?"

## English Cling to Servants.

At a comparatively early stage of the war attention was directed to the unpatriotic action observable, through advertisements, in the employment of domestic servants who can only be regarded as superfluous, observes the London Globe. When we find the number of servants kept in excess of the number in family we are entitled to criticize such an arrangement as selfish and utterly lacking in appreciation of the existing situation. If these employers cannot see for themselves that their attitude is despicable they must be brought to a sense of the position in some other way. We suggest that the minister of national service should be invested with powers, if he does not already possess them, summarily to put an end to this scandal. He has already warned the offenders. Let him now take action and let it be speedy and summary.

## Seasons in Watches.

"The watch harvest is over now," said the jeweler, "but in the spring the harvest will begin again."  
"Harvest?" repeated the perplexed man.

"Yes, harvest for us in spring, summer and autumn whenever men change their watches from their waistcoat or outer coat pocket to the trousers. Tailors, following the habit centuries old, will make big pockets for watches in trousers. The watches fall out frequently and break and the first aid treatment we give advance our income considerably. In winter, when men no longer carry watches in their trouser pocket, fewer broken watches are brought in for repair."

## Good Old Butter.

Fifteen or sixteen years ago a crock of butter escaped from captivity, falling into the well on the Pierce place, near Auxvasse, where it was forgotten until recently, when, while cleaning out the well, J. Ed Mann found it, says the Kansas City Times. A hard crust had formed over the top of the butter, but Mr. Mann said that when this was taken off the butter seemed as fresh and as yellow as when it took a tumble.

## Entirely Feminine.

A house-to-house salesman held the hand of a young woman customer and asked her for a kiss. She gave him the kiss, then after thinking it over had him arrested.

## Making Corn Bread.

Corn bread made with skim milk has much more food value than when made with water, because the milk contains protein which is a tissue builder.

## WOMEN ARE GOOD WAR COOKS

Through Natural Economy They Reduce Cost of Feeding British Soldiers More Than One-Half.

The first woman cooks in the British army were employed in August, 1915, at a convalescent camp, and six months later the formal recruiting of women for this work was initiated.

Today there are more than 6,000 cooks and waitresses in 200 camps in England alone, writes a correspondent. Women have also taken over the kitchen service in all the Canadian and Australian hospitals, and woman instructors are being employed in the regular army schools of cookery. One woman who enrolled as a cook two years ago and who is only twenty-two years old has risen to the rank of superintendent and is responsible for the whole service in a camp of 22,000 men.

The economy resulting from the employment of woman cooks has been very marked. In one large officers' camp the daily messing charge was reduced within a few weeks from 65 cents a day to 31 cents, and in addition, a fund of \$500 was saved for miscellaneous purposes. The rate at this camp is now reduced to 18 cents a day.

## Take a Rest in Winter.

According to some medical authorities the summer is not the logical time to take a vacation, a rest during the winter having much greater recuperative value for the year-round worker, says Leslie's Magazine. In their opinion the low temperature eats up bodily fuel, saps vitality and limits all one's powers. Records compiled by business houses, factories and various industries prove that winter is the time most people need a rest. It may be surprising to those who term winter days as "exhilarating" to know that scientifically this is a mistake. The cold forces them to move briskly to keep the blood stirring and generating more heat, and because of this the winter of the winter are often under the impression that this false activity signifies the possession of the maximum of energy.

## Worn Blankets.

Lay smoothly upon the thin place a piece of used merino underwear and pin amply and securely. Then begin at the lowest edge and stitch with the sewing machine, row after row successively, a quarter of an inch apart, until the extent of the patch is reached, withdrawing the pins as you proceed. This is quickly done and is a most satisfactory method. Do not work around and around, as the goods will bulge in the middle, and half the design of the patch, that of neatness, will be a failure. Should the selvage be frayed, turn the merino over it, including it, and stitch as directed. It is not necessary to break the machine thread far each row. Stitch the way of the stripes.

## THE RAGE NOW



Patient—From what you say, doctor, it seems that I mustn't eat anything.  
Doctor Emdee (absently)—Yes; and be sure you chew it thoroughly.

## Austrian Women on Juries.

Austrian women may now serve on juries, if the head committee of the Austrian parliament has its way. In spite of protests from government members, by a majority of 7 to 6 it recently voted in favor of admitting women to juries. Women must take men's places here as elsewhere.—Woman Citizen.

## To Dry Wash Cloths.

Sew on all your washcloths, then put screw hooks in the lower part of the window sash in your bathroom; raise the window, hang up your clothes and see how quickly they dry, and how sweet they smell from the air and sunshine.

## Don't Scratch It.

A burned saucepan should be filled with cold water to which a liberal allowance of soda has been added. Let it stand for an hour or so, after which heat the water slowly for a few minutes and the burned particles will come off quite easily.